

What is claimed is:

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1. An embedded electroconductive layer comprising:  
an opening part or a depressed part formed in  
an insulating film on a substrate;  
a barrier layer covering said opening part  
or depressed part;  
a metal growth promoting layer on said  
barrier layer; and  
10 an electroconductive layer embedded in said  
opening part or said depressed part via said barrier  
layer and said metal growth promoting layer.

2. The embedded electroconductive layer  
according to claim 1, wherein said barrier layer is  
one member selected from the group consisting of an  
15 amorphous Ti-Si-N layer,  $WN_x$  layers,  $TaN_x$  layers, and  
an  $Al_2O_3$  layer.

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20 3. The embedded electroconductive layer  
according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein said metal  
growth promoting layer is a TiN layer containing  
oxygen at a lower concentration than said barrier layer.

4. The embedded electroconductive layer  
according to claim 1, wherein said embedded  
electroconductive layer is a Cu layer, an Al layer, or  
an Al alloy layer having Al as a main component thereof.

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25 5. An embedded electroconductive layer comprising:  
an opening part or a depressed part formed in  
an insulating layer on a substrate;

30 a ground layer containing oxygen at a high  
concentration in the lower part thereof and at a low  
concentration in the upper part thereof and covering  
the surface of said insulating film in said opening  
part or said depressed part; and  
35 an electroconductive layer embedded in said  
opening part or said depressed part via said ground  
layer.

6. The embedded electroconductive layer  
according to claim 5, wherein said ground layer is a

TiN layer.

7. The embedded electroconductive layer according to any of claim 5, wherein said embedded electroconductive layer is a Cu layer, an Al layer, or an Al alloy layer having Al as a main component thereof.

8. A method for the formation of an embedded electroconductive layer, comprising steps of:

forming an opening part or a depressed part in an insulating layer;

forming a barrier layer for covering said opening part or said depressed part;

forming on said barrier layer a TiN layer containing oxygen at a lower concentration than said barrier layer;

depositing a Cu layer on said TiN layer by the use of a chemical vapor growth method and embedding said Cu layer in said opening part or said depressed part; and

removing the unwanted parts of said barrier layer, said TiN layer of a low oxygen concentration, and said Cu layer by chemical mechanical polishing.

9. The method according to claim 8, wherein said barrier layer is an amorphous Ti-Si-N layer deposited by a sputtering method.

10. The method according to claim 8, wherein said sputtering method is a collimation sputtering method or a long throw sputtering method interposing an interval of not less than 10 cm between a target and a substrate under treatment.

11. The method according to claim 8, wherein said barrier layer is a  $WN_x$  layer or an  $TaN_x$  layer.

12. The method according to claim 8, wherein said barrier layer is a  $TiN$  layer formed by depositing a TiN layer and then thermally treating said TiN layer in an ambience of nitrogen and provided at least with an oxidized surface.

13. The method according to claim 8, wherein

said barrier layer is an amorphous Ti-Si-N layer formed by depositing a TiN layer and then thermally treating said TiN layer in an ambience of  $\text{SiH}_4$  gas.

5 14. The method according to claim 8, wherein said barrier layer is an  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  layer formed by depositing an Al layer and then thermally treating said Al layer in an oxidizing ambience.

10 15. The method according to claim 8, wherein said TiN layer containing oxygen at a lower concentration than said barrier layer is deposited by a chemical vapor growth method.

15 16. The method according to claim 8, wherein said TiN layer containing oxygen at a lower concentration than said barrier layer is deposited by a collimation sputtering method or a long throw sputtering method interposing an interval of not less than 10 cm between a target and a substrate under treatment.

20 17. A method for the formation of an embedded electroconductive layer, comprising steps of:

forming an opening part or a depressed part in an insulating layer;

forming a ground layer for covering said opening part or said depressed part;

25 reducing the surface of said ground layer by exposing said ground layer to a reducing gas; and

30 growing an electroconductive layer by a vapor phase chemical growth method using a metallic precursor thereby embedding said electroconductive layer in said opening part or said depressed part via said ground layer.

35 18. The method according to claim 17, wherein said step of exposing said ground layer to said reducing gas is part of a step of elevating the temperature of said electroconductive layer to the temperature for starting the growth by chemical vapor phase growth.

19. The method according to claim 17, wherein said ground layer is wholly oxidized prior to said step of reducing said ground layer.

5 20. The method according to claim 17, wherein said reducing gas is dimethyl hydrazine.

21. The method according to claim 17, wherein said reducing gas is monomethyl hydrazine.

22. The method according to claim 17, wherein said reducing gas is a silane.

10 23. The method according to claim 17, wherein said precursor is a metal complex of Cu.

24. The method according to claim 17, wherein said precursor is a metal compound of Al.

15 25. The method according to claim 17, wherein said precursor is a mixture of a metal complex of Cu with a metal compound of Al.

26. A method for the formation of an embedded electroconductive layer comprising steps of:

20 forming an interlayer insulating layer for covering a lower interconnection layer having a first barrier layer as the uppermost layer;

forming an opening part in said interlayer insulating film on said lower interconnection layer;

25 forming a second barrier layer for covering said opening part;

etching said second barrier layer thereby removing the surface of said second barrier layer;

30 growing an electroconductive layer by a vapor phase chemical growth method using a metallic precursor thereby embedding said electroconductive layer in said opening part; and

forming a third barrier layer of an upper interconnection layer on said electroconductive layer.

35 27. The method according to claim 26, wherein the etching gas used on said second barrier layer is one member selected from the group consisting of  $\text{ClF}_3$ ,  $\text{NF}_3$ , and  $\text{BCl}_3$ .

28. The method according to claim 26, wherein said precursor is a metal complex of Cu.

29. The method according to claim 26, wherein said precursor is a metal compound of Al

5 30. The method according to claim 26, wherein said precursor is a mixture of a metal complex of Cu with a metal compound of Al.

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